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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
by the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union,
the associated countries Cyprus and Malta and
the EFTA countries, members of the European Economic Area
concerning Ethiopia and Eritrea**

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, the associated countries Cyprus and Malta and the EFTA countries, members of the European Economic Area, declare that they share the objectives of Common Position 1999/206/CFSP defined by the Council of the European Union on 15 March 1999 on the basis of Article 15 of the Treaty on European Union concerning Ethiopia and Eritrea, as extended by Common Position 2000/230/CFSP of 20 March 2000. They will ensure that their national policies conform to that Common Position.

The European Union takes note of this commitment and welcomes it.

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